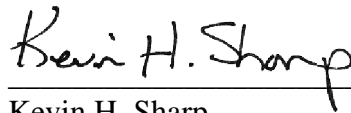


<sup>1</sup> In a related case, the Court was notified that the plaintiff, James Conner, had been transferred to the Dickson County Jail in Charlotte, Tennessee. *See* Civil Action No. 3:13-0848.

persons, while acting under color of state law, deprived them of some right guaranteed by the Constitution or laws of the United States. Parratt v. Taylor, 451 U.S. 527, 535 (1981).

A county jail or workhouse is not a person that can be sued under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Rhodes v. McDannel, 945 F.2d 117, 120 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1991). Nor is a county sheriff's department a person subject to liability under § 1983. Petty v. County of Franklin, Ohio, 478 F.3d 341, 347 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2007). Of course, giving this *pro se* pleading a liberal construction, the Court could construe the complaint as an attempt to state a claim against Williamson County, the entity responsible for the operation of the Jail. However, for Williamson County to be liable, the plaintiffs would have to allege and prove that their constitutional rights were violated pursuant to a "policy statement, ordinance, regulation or decision officially adopted and promulgated" by the county. Monell v. Department of Social Services, 436 U.S. 658, 689-690 (1978). No such allegation appears in the complaint. Therefore, the plaintiffs have failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Under such circumstances, the Court is obliged to dismiss the complaint *sua sponte*. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

An appropriate order will be entered.

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Kevin H. Sharp  
United States District Judge